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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 26, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: